

1972, but are still within the capacity of a two lane road. Projections for 2005 will exceed those made for 1995, however no major widening is recommended.

NC 90 - N.C. 90 is the only major road leading northwest out of Lenoir and east to Statesville. Traffic counts are in line with previous projections and no major widening is recommended.

SR 1352 - This road connects US 321 and NC 90 north of Lenoir. No major improvements are recommended.

Main Street - Main Street gives radial access from Lenoir north to NC 90 and US 321. It also carries the NC 90 designation and functions as a crosstown facility from Scroggs Street south. Widening to three lanes is recommended from Scroggs Street to US 321.

Abington Road (SR 1310) - Areas west of Lenoir are served by Abington Road. Traffic growth on this road has been moderate and no major widening is needed.

Finely Avenue - Finely Avenue with an extension to US 321 will serve new development on US 321 and provide access to the northeast CBD Bypass System.

#### Bypass System

Two major facilities form the bypass system for Lenoir as listed below.

NC 18 Bypass (Morganton Boulevard) - East-west travel through the study area is carried by the NC 18 Bypass. Previous travel projections have already been exceeded in some locations and development has increased significantly, however, due to the high design of this facility no major improvements are needed. The intersection at Harper Avenue should however be studied to try to decrease the high incidence of accidents at this location. Conditions should be reevaluated after the Southern Loop opens to traffic.

US 321 - A bypass function is served by US 321 between NC 18 and Main Street. This allows north-south traffic to flow through the area without mixing with local traffic in downtown Lenoir. Widening to a four lane divided cross section is recommended.

#### Loop System

Creekway Drive - Northwest circumferential travel will be carried by way of Creekway Drive which will act as part of the Outer Loop. Updated traffic counts indicate that the existing cross section will be adequate until 2005.

NC 18 Business - Circumferential traffic from Creekway Drive will connect with the new southern loop via NC 18 Business. NC 18 Business from Creekway Drive to the new southern loop will need to be widened to four lanes. This improvement is already underway.